

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

**Listing of Claims:**

**1. (Currently Amended)** A battery comprising:

a battery cell;

a circuit base board which is connected to terminals in the battery cell electrically via connection members; ¶ a heat protecting element, disposed in the connecting members, in which electric resistance increases according to an increase in a temperature therein; ¶ and a resin mold section which covers and fixes the circuit base board, the connecting members, and the heat protecting element ~~so as to fix thereof on~~ the battery cell, wherein ¶ the heat protecting element is spaced disposed so as to be separated from a surface of the battery cell via said space being filled with a resin of the resin mold section.

**2. (Original)** A battery according to Claim 1 wherein the heat protecting element is covered by a heat insulating member which has heat insulating characteristics to there outside.

**3. (Original)** A battery according to Claim 2 wherein the heat insulating member is a heat insulating sleeve which is provided an insertion section through which the heat protecting element can be inserted.

**4. (Original)** A battery according to Claim 1 wherein the connecting members are made of a metal plate.

**5. (Original)** A battery according to Claim 2 wherein the connecting members are made of a metal plate.

**6. (Original)** A battery according to Claim 3 wherein the connecting members are made of a metal plate.